A GENIUS IN JAIL

Siemens' First Patent Was Applied For From a Prison. Siemens applied for his first patfrom the cell of a prison. After aduation from the artillery school in erlin the young man, then only twenty-one years old, was attached to a regiment in Wittenberg. It was there he began his experiments, to the great horror of his landlady, who upbraided him day after day for staining his clothes, furniture and the window panes with gold, silver and acid spots. She could not see the use of "wasting money for such things." But Von Siemens went on with his experiments

He became, too, the life of the garrion and one of its most popular members. His popularity, however, led to his taking part as second in a duel between two of his comrades. As a result he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the forcess of Magdeburg. The landlady was the only person in Wittenberg who was glad of the young lieutenant's departure. In the cell in the fortress, however, he was allowed to fit up a laboratory and there continue his experiments. There, too, a month after his incurceration he perfected his method of galvanic gilding and applied for the patent from the prison cell.

It was granted and with it a pardon. A pardon in all probability was never received with less glee. Slemens had other experiments under way in his prison workshop and begged to be allowed to stay awhile longer and complete them. But the keeper sent him away with the declaration that such a course would be an in sult to his king | Brest between Villaret-Joyeuse, in and commander.

Children's Blunders.

A Philadelphia schoolteacher tells of these blunders of children in physiciogy examination papers:

"Occupations which are injurious to the health are carbolic acid gas, which is impure blood."

"When you have an illness it makes your health bad, as well as having a disease."

"A stone mason's work is injurious because when he is chipping he breathes in all the little chips, and then they are taken into the lungs."

"All mechanical work is injurious to the health." The word "function" seemed to puz-

zle the children tremendously. Questions containing that word were an swered as follows:

"The skin discharges a function called perspiration." "The function of the heart is be-

tween the lungs.

"Grant's Luck."

I did not go out to see the surrender of General Lee. I remember well the the surrender. I think there were not more than three persons present when the general came in and took a seat at | of sulphate of zinc. a table to write. He looked up with some expression of animation and re-

"More of Grant's luck!" This was an allusion to the newspaper critics who had been in the habit of calling his success luck.

This little comment on the surrender of Lee was the only word of exultation I ever heard from the victorious sol-

It was a very slight expression of triumph to follow such a stupendous achievement, but wholly characteristic. -National Magazine.

Royalty and Chess.

Cards have been the amusement of kings and queens for centuries, superseding latterly the royal game of chess, which filled up the leisure moments of William the Conqueror, Queen Elizabeth and Charles I. The latter was so absorbed in his favorite pastime when the news reached him that Scotland had determined to sell him to the English parliament that, though well aware what the intelligence boded, he calmly played the game to the end. Queen Victoria preferred chess to cards, though during her old age she found diversion by playing "patience." A keen chess player, the great Napoleon would not submit to be beaten. and if he found his skill ineffective would throw board and chessmen angrily on the ground.

Moderation In Exercise.

Exercise which is well within the powers of the body is salutary for all and probably necessary for some, but exercise by which those powers are overstrained is too often not only the precursor, but quite unmistakably the cause, of serious illness or of bodily or mental failure. "Why," inquired Saladin, "should the weak display his inferiority in the presence of the strong?" The question is as pertinent in our own day as it was in that on which it was uttered.-London Hospital.

The Place to Knock.

"It will come out all right in time," he told his wife. "Fortune knocks at every man's doer once, and some day she'll knock at mine."

"It won't help you any," returned his wife. "If fortune wants to find you she'll have to go to the club and send in ber card."-Chicago Post.

Out of the Frying Pan. Husband-She is by all odds the worst cook we ever had.

Wife-I know it. But she is going stay until we get some one else. That's good. I didn't know but you uld have to cook the meals."-De-It Free Press.

If a row threatens you don't let it go so far that you become bitter and are willing to hurt yourself in order to burt your enemy.-Atchieon Globe.

GRACE BEFORE MEAT.

Devotions of a Scotch Furmer Who Thought Well of Himself. An old Ayrshire farmer used regularly to deliver himself of the following quaint effusion as a grace before

"Tuk' aff yer bonnets, honest men! Are they a' aff? Oh, Lord, weed oot a' the papists oot o' the land-pluck them oot as we do the thistle frae oot o' the gr'und. Pour doon a shooer o' whittles upo' a' the loons that wear the lawn sleeves, for they eat up the fat an' the lean o' the land an' winns let a puir body like me gang his ain way. Dig a muckle dike atween us an' hell, but a and with staining his furniture and far muckler ane atween us an' the wild Irish. Oh, grant that the gray mare brakna the tether nor the wind blaw doon the haystacks. Grant that we may keep the broon coo, the crummie coo an' Rowtie, an', oh, preserve us frae witches an' warlocks an' beasts wi' lang nebs that gang in amang the beather. Grant a' gude things an' gude hairsts to a' honest fowk an' a' men present an' 1, my ainsel', wha am as muckle as one sax o' them. Shooer doon a blessing on a' honest men that wear blue bonnets, sic like as Abraham, Isaac an' Jacob were in the holy land o' Cangan. Gi'e to oorsels an' to a' the freen's o' Scotland weal an' fortitude till endure a' the ills an' unco's o' this life, an' as what we've gotten is a oor ain it's naebody's business. Grant a blessing on the present favor. Amen." -Scottish American.

Fiction in History. .

Thomas Carlyle in his history of the French revolution gives a description of a naval battle June 1, 1794, off command of the French fleet, and Admiral Howe, in which he vividly depicted the sinking of the Vengeur.

These are the concluding sentences: "Lo, all flags, streamers, jacks, every rag of tricolor that will yet run on rope files rustling aloft; the whole crew crowds to the upper deck, and with universal, soul maddening yell shouts. "Vive la republique" sinking, sinking. She staggers, she lurches, her last drunk whirt. Ocean yawns abysmal; down rushes the Vengeur, carrying 'Vive la republique," along with her. unconquerable, into eternity."

Rear Admiral Griffiths, at the time a lieutenant on board the Culloden, wrote to a newspaper to show that Carlyle's account had no foundation in fact. After investigation Carlyle admitted that not a word of this thrilling. story was true except that the Vengeur

Gambetta's Skull.

When Gambetta died the medical authorities requested Dr. Laborde, the skull and then, removing the brain, event of General Grant's return after | laid it on a napkin and took it to his own house, where, for the purpose of preserving it, be placed it in a solution

Unfortunately before doing so he had forgotten to weigh it, and when he took it out of the solution next day he found that a portion of it had been dissolved and that what remained of the brain of the famous statesman weighed only 700 grams, which is about the weight of an idiot's brain.

Dr. Laborde, it is said, never forgave himself for making this blunder.

Very Like Reason.

The crows and other birds that carry shellfish high in the air and then let them drop upon the rocks to break the shell show something very like reason or a knowledge of the relation of cause and effect. Froude tells of some specles of bird that he saw in South Africa flying amid the swarm of migrating locusts and clipping off the wings of the insects so that they would drop to the earth, where the birds could deyour them at their leisure. Our squirrels will cut off the chestnut burs before they have opened, allowing them to fall to the ground, where, as they seem to know, the burs soon dry open. Feed a caged coon soiled food-a piece of bread or meat rolled on the groundand before he cats it he will put it in his dish of water and wash it off .-John Burroughs in Century.

Norwegian Cure For Drunkenness. In Norway drunkenness is punished by imprisonment. At soon as a man is incarcerated the delinquent has a loaf and wine morning and evening. The bread is served in a wooden bowl full of wine, in which it has been soaking for an hour. The first day the drunkard swallows his allowance willingly enough. The second day it seems less pleasing. At the end of eight or ten days prisoners have been known to abstain altogether from the food thus pitilessly presented. This course of treatment finished, the drunkard, except in rare instances, is radically cured.

The Sly Politician. "Why don't you make a plain, straightforward statement about whether or not you mean to be a candi-

date?" "What's the use?" answered the prudent politician. "Just at present the only thing that's keeping me before the public is the doubt on that question."-Washington Star.

His Humble Qualifications, "The old man doesn't speak any

foreign language, does he?" "No. He's just a plain, downright, honest, no style, hard workin', money makin', family supportin' American!"-

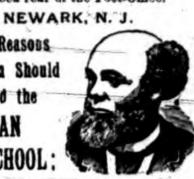
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